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**SOVIET NAVAL ACTIVITY
BAHIA DE NIPE, CUBA
20-47N 075-42W**

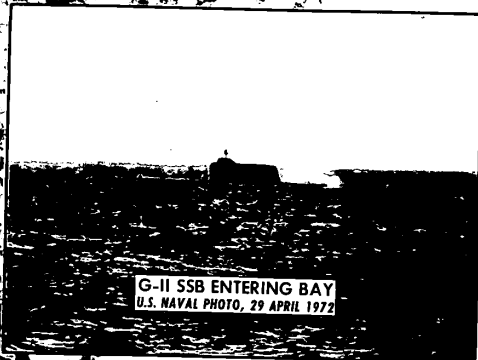
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G-II SSB ENTERING BAY
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KOTLIN DDG

PRESTON

KOTLIN

UGRA

G-II

UGRA AS

G-II SSB

YURI GAGARIN

YURI GAGARIN SSOCS

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REFERENCE TO: OLD HEAD MISSION G-350 SOVIET NAVAL ACTIVITY
BAHIA DE NIPE, CUBA

1. SIGNIFICANCE: SOVIET NAVAL ACTIVITY IN BAHIA DE NIPE, CUBA INCLUDED THE FIRST IDENTIFICATION AND PORT CALL OF A GOLF-II CLASS BALLISTIC MISSILE SUBMARINE (SSB).
2. LOCATION: BAHIA DE NIPE -- ON THE NORTHEASTERN COAST OF CUBA AT 20-47N 075-42W.
3. REMARKS: A SOVIET G-II CLASS BALLISTIC MISSILE SUBMARINE (SSB), A KOTLIN-CLASS GUIDED MISSILE DESTROYER (DDG), AN UGRA-CLASS SUBMARINE TENDER (AS) AND THE COSMONAUT YURI GAGARIN (SSOCs) WERE OBSERVED IN BAHIA DE NIPE. THE G-II SSB WAS MOORED TO THE PORT SIDE OF THE UGRA-CLASS SUBMARINE TENDER (AS) WHICH WAS ANCHORED APPROXIMATELY 1,000 METERS (3,280 FEET) SW OF PUNTA SALINITA. THE KOTLIN-CLASS GUIDED

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MISSILE DESTROYER (DDG) WAS ANCHORED
APPROXIMATELY 1,300 METERS (4,264 FEET)
SW OF THE UGRA-CLASS (AS). THE
COSMONAUT YURI GAGARIN (SSOCS) WAS
ANCHORED .5 NM WEST OF PUNTA CARENERO.

4. COLLATERAL:

THE G-II BALLISTIC MISSILE SUBMARINE
IS A CONVERSION OF THE G-I CLASS.
IT HAS A MODIFIED SAIL THAT "PERMITS
FIRING THREE SS-N-5 MISSILES WHILE
SUBMERGED. THE ORIGINAL GOLF CONFIGU-
RATION REQUIRED THAT THE SAIL BE
ABOVE THE SURFACE FOR MISSILE
LAUNCHING." (UNITED STATES NAVAL
INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS AUG 71 VOL 97,
NUMBER 8/822 UNCLASSIFIED). THE
SS-N-5 MISSILE REPORTEDLY HAS A MAX-
IMUM RANGE OF UP TO 700 NM (DIA FACT
BOOK, SECRET).

THE KOTLIN-CLASS GUIDED MISSILE
DESTROYER DDG AND THE UGRA-CLASS

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SUBMARINE TENDER (AS) WERE REPORTEDLY ANCHORED IN BAHIA DE NIPE AT 2300Z ON 27 APRIL. "ON THE EVENING OF 28 APRIL, KOTLIN DDG DEPARTED BAHIA DE NIPE AND TRANSITED TO THE EAST, RETURNING AT FIRST LIGHT ON 29 APRIL IN COMPANY WITH A GOLF-II SSB RIDING ON THE SURFACE. THE KOTLIN DDG AND G-II SSB ENTERED BAHIA DE NIPE AT 1222Z." (IR 5-424-7021-72, 29 APR 72 CONFIDENTIAL).

5. DIMENSIONS/
SPECIFICATIONS:

THE G-II SSB HAS AN OVERALL LENGTH OF APPROXIMATELY 100 METERS (320 FEET) AND A MAXIMUM BEAM OF [REDACTED] (NAVRECONTECHSUPPCEN 105/68 SECRET).

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6. MISSION READOUT: NAVAL ORDER OF BATTLE OBSERVED IN BAHIA DE NIPE OUTSIDE PRESTON PORT FACILITIES [REDACTED]

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- 1 KOTLIN (DDG)
- 1 UGRA (AS)
- 1 SO-1 (PCS)
- 1 YURI GAGARIN (SSOCS)

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ENLARGEMENT FACTOR OF INSETS

G-II SSB AND UGRA AS (TOGETHER) 50X

KOTLIN DDG 50X

GAGARIN SSOCS 40X

COLLATERAL PHOTO (US NAVY)

G-II SSB ENTERING BAY, CONFIDENTIAL

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